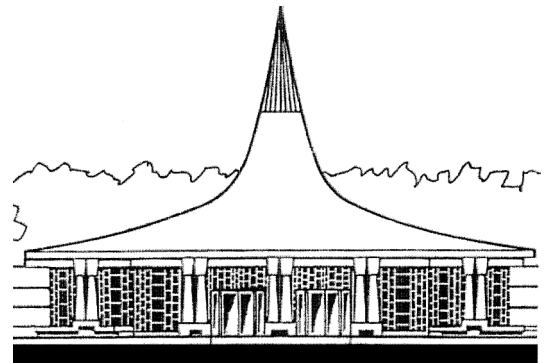
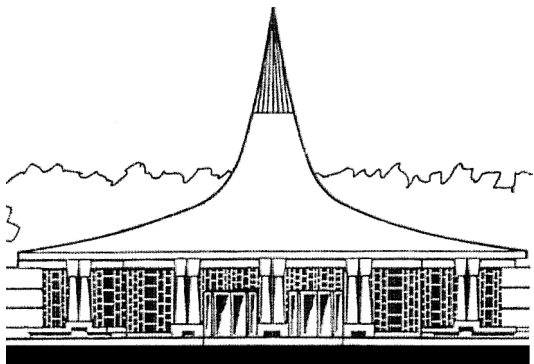


**2014  
James F. Hornback  
Ethical Humanist of the Year  
Award Ceremony**

**Honoring**

**Dr. Patricia Wolff  
and  
Meds & Food for Kids**



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### **Ushers and Greeters**

Kent and Jo-Ellen Forrest  
Dennis Roach and Kayla Vaughan

### **Flower Arrangement**

Mary Wittry and Juliette Smith

### **Hospitality**

Welcome, visitors! Hearing Assistance Units are available in the foyer before Platform. Please see one of our ushers if you would like the use of one today.

### **Staff of Meds & Food for Kids**

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## **Dr Patricia Wolff Meds & Food for Kids**

It is our pleasure today to honor Dr. Patricia Wolff and Meds & Food for Kids as the recipients of the 2014 Ethical Humanist of the Year award. This prestigious award was established in 1975 by James S. McDonnell in honor of James F. Hornback, who was Leader of the Ethical Society of St. Louis from 1951 to 1980. The award recognizes an individual or group in the St. Louis community that has provided courageous and dedicated service to maintaining the rights and dignity of their fellow human beings in some aspect of life- religious, social, economic, medical, educational, ecological, recreational or artistic. Dr. Wolff and Meds & Food for Kids are amply deserving of this award. Dr. Wolff and the organization she founded have brought compassion and technology together to save the lives of those suffering from malnutrition in Haiti.

In 2003, Dr. Wolff, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Washington University's School of Medicine, founded Meds & Food for Kids in response to her frustration from seeing malnourished Haitian children needlessly die. After visiting RUTF pioneer and Washington University colleague Dr. Mark Manary in Malawi, Dr. Wolff was inspired to transfer the best-practice therapy of RUTF to Haiti in 2003. MFK currently produces Medika Mamba ("peanut butter medicine" in creole) for acute malnutrition, Plumpy'sup/Mamba Djanm for moderate malnutrition and Vita Mamba, a nutritious school snack.

In August, 2013 MFK completed construction of their state-of-the art factory located in Cap Haïtien, Haiti. The completion of the factory in Haiti has enabled MFK to save more lives through increased production. In addition, MFK is benefiting Haiti's economy by employing and training more Haitian workers and using even more Haitian raw materials.

To date, MFK has saved the lives of more than 120,000 severely malnourished children. The MFK factory currently employs 42 local staff members and the MFK agriculture team has trained over 1,400 farmers, teaching them to grow more (and better) peanuts.

Dr. Wolff has both BA and MD degrees from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and worked for the Indian Health Service in South Dakota following her graduation. After a residency at Washington University Medical School, she worked as a pediatrician for 35 years in the St. Louis area and became President of Forest Park Pediatrics until the summer of 2011, when she resigned to devote her time to Meds & Food for Kids.

Dr. Wolff has been listed in U.S. News and World Report's Best Doctors list since 2002. She currently splits her time between St. Louis and Haiti.

Linda Locke, an Ethical Society member who is serving on the Board of Directors of MFK, wrote in her nomination letter, "(Dr. Wolff's) first trip (to Haiti) was in 1988 with her two young boys. She wanted them to understand how fortunate they were. The three of them spent two weeks volunteering at Mother Teresa's Home for Dying Children and Adults. She served as a hospice physician and saw that people were dying from easily preventable and treatable causes. On her first visit she went up a mountain to a small rural village that had built a "clinic" to entice a medical missionary team. Before that day, no doctor had ever visited. On the first day 300 people had walked through the night to see them. Pat describes feeling overwhelmed and grief-stricken, "as if I were at the scene of an accident." Too many people, especially children, were suffering needlessly. She felt that if she could do something, she should. This was the seed that, years later, was to grow into Meds & Food for Kids."

"For over 20 years, Pat strived to integrate her professional life as a partner in a thriving urban pediatric practice, with her personal/professional quest for a healthier Haiti, and her family life. From her first days in medical school as one of the very few women, she continued to be a role model for women. She was also a role model for anyone who wanted proof that when you put your heart and mind to something, you can accomplish what others might find overwhelming. Dr. Wolff broke down a massive problem into manageable although difficult steps and ended up creating an approach that is a model for the entire country. She has changed the country's protocol for addressing malnutrition."

## PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1995	Peter DeSimone
1996	Richard and Kaye Parvis
1997	Arthur and Marian Wirth
1998	Jeanette Mott Oxford
1999	William Ramsey
2000	Ann Carter Stith
2001	David A Lander
2002	Eddie Mae Binion
2003	Chris Krehmeyer
2004	Ted and Linda Schroeder
2005	Suzsanne Singer, Ph.D.
2006	Fred Rottnek, M.D., MAHCM
2007	Joan Lipkin
2008	Judge Richard B. Teitelman
2009	Kingdom House
2010	Leon "Bud" Deraps
2011	Joan Suarez
2012	Dr. L. Lewis Wall
2013	Criminal Justice Ministry

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### And Special Thanks To:

Jesse Easley  
 Bing Gibbs  
 Nancy Jelinek  
 Cathy Spalding

## PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1976	James F. Hornback
1977	Frank Susman
1978	Frank E. Nutt
1979	Harriet Woods
1980	Deverne and Ernest Calloway
1981	Eldora Spiegelberg
1982	Paul Dewald, M.D.
1983	Kay and Leo Drey
1984	International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
1985	Marion Jenkins Brooks
1986	Thomas Engelhardt
1987	Bertha Gilkey
1988	Hedy Epstein
1989	ACLU/Eastern Missouri
1990/91	Julia Goldstein
1992	B. J. Issacson-Jones
1993	Janet Becker
1994	Blanche M. Touhill

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### Ethical Humanist of the Year

#### Award Committee

Alan Easton, chair  
 Carol Bartell  
 Brent Feeney  
 Jessica Saigh  
 Stephanie Sigala  
 Mary Wittry

Jeff Klopfenstein, Executive Vice President of Novus International and member of the Board of Directors of MFK related his observations, "I have seen first-hand how challenging it is to operate in Haiti. (Dr. Wolff) routinely overcomes all obstacles and built a modern factory that can supply all of the RUTF needs of Haiti. She has a stable workforce operating a modern food-grade factory that passed international certifications needed to supply UNICEF. She employs 42 Haitians and a steady stream of smart, young expatriates who help to make a difference in the lives of employees, farmers and Haitian children. Dr. Wolff lives in Haiti nearly half of the time in recent years in conditions like you might expect for a Peace Corps volunteer. She is totally dedicated to making a lasting improvement in Haiti."

Ron Jones, Principal – Global Facilities Practice, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., concluded his nomination letter with a citation of the Ethical Humanist of the Year award criteria and asks, "What greater measure of this high standard can there be than saving lives in an impoverished country while at the same time creating a mechanism from which those survivors can then prosper independently through meaningful labor and commerce?"

We at the Ethical Society of St. Louis are inspired by the work of Dr. Wolff and Meds & Food for Kids.



Toutuni before and after MFK

## Program

### Welcome

Kate Lovelady, Leader  
Ethical Society of St. Louis

### Music Selection

*Yanvolou*  
Performed by Ayati Rara

### Tributes

#### Linda Locke

Board Member Meds & Food for Kids  
Ethical Society member  
for more than 20 years

#### Jeff Klopfenstein

Board Member Meds & Food for Kids  
Executive Vice President of  
Novus International

#### Jean Thomas, MD, F.A.C.O.G.

Women's Health Ob/Gyn St. Louis  
Associate Professor at Washington  
University and at St. Louis University

### Music Selection

*Ibo*  
Performed by Ayati Rara

**Meds & Food for Kids video**

### Award Presentation

Christine Floss  
Past President, Board of Trustees  
Ethical Society of St. Louis

### Remarks

**Dr. Patricia Wolff, MD**  
**Founder and Executive Director of**  
**Meds & Food for Kids**  
2014 Ethical Humanist of the Year

### Closing Words

Kate Lovelady, Leader

Following the ceremony, you are invited  
to meet representatives from  
Meds & Food for Kids  
downstairs at a dessert reception  
in their honor.

